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## CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments to claims 1, and 7-9 shown below. All other claims remain unchanged.

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A paper roll dispensing system, paper 2 roll apparatus comprising:
- a paper roll dispenser comprising a paper roll dispensing
  aperture thereof;
  - a paper winding core within said paper roll dispenser, comprising a paper winding region thereof; and
- 7 a pair of paper retention caps each comprising a securing
- 8 lip for securing side ends of a paper roll wound about said paper
- 9 winding region and situated so that said paper roll can be passed
- 10 through said paper roll dispensing aperture, wherein:
- 11 | pressure for securing said side ends is provided by said
- 12 | paper retention caps; and

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- 13 no additional material is secured about said paper retention
- 14 | caps to provide said pressure.
- 1 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
- 2 at least one of said paper retention caps slides over an
- 3 outer end of said paper winding core.
- 1 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
- 2 at least one of said paper retention caps slides over an
- 3 outer end of said paper winding core and is retained by said
- 4 paper winding core with its securing lip securing said side ends
- 5 of said paper roll.
- 1 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising

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- 2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
- 3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.
- 1 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising
- 2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
- 3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.
- 1 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising
- 2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
- 3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.
- 1 7. (Currently amended) A method for <u>dispensing preparing</u> a 2 paper roll, <u>apparatus</u> comprising the steps of:
- 3 introducing a wound paper roll about a paper winding region
- 4 of a paper winding core;
- 5 securing side ends of said paper roll about said paper
- 6 winding region using a pair of securing lips of a pair of paper
- 7 | retention caps each comprising one of said securing lips; and
- 8 situating the paper winding core, paper roll and retention
- 9 cap combination within a paper roll dispenser so that said paper
- 10 roll can be passed through a paper roll dispensing aperture of
- 11 | said paper roll dispenser
- 12 providing pressure for securing said side ends using said
- 13 paper retention caps, without securing any additional material
- 14 about said paper retention caps to provide said pressure.
- 1 8. (Currently amended) The method apparatus of claim 7,
- 2 further comprising the step of:
- 3 sliding at least one of said paper retention caps over an
- 4 outer end of said paper winding core.
- 1 | 9. (Currently amended) The method apparatus—of claim 7,

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- 2 further comprising the steps of:
- 3 sliding at least one of said paper retention caps over an
- 4 outer end of said paper winding core; and
- 5 retaining said at least one of said paper retention caps
- 6 with its securing lip securing said side ends of said paper roll,
- 7 using said paper winding core.